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Michael D. Hutton

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Cancelled).
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising:~~ A
2 method for performing timing analysis on a user design that has been placed on a programmable
3 integrated circuit, the method comprising:
4 generating edge masks to annotate edges in a graph that represents at least a
5 portion of the user design, the edge masks indicating whether a source or destination point is
6 reachable from a corresponding one of the edges;
7 performing at least one depth first search along a time critical path in the graph
8 between the source and the destination points, the at least one depth first search being prevented
9 by the edge masks from analyzing paths that do not lead to the source point or the destination
10 point;
11 calculating slack and slack ratio values for edges in the time critical paths; and
12 if delay along any of the time critical paths exceeds the user timing constraint,
13 modifying placement of the user design within the programmable integrated circuit using the
14 slack and the slack ratio values.
- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein generating the edges masks
2 further comprises generating a first type of edge mask that represents reachability from the
3 source points in a backwards direction, and a second type of edge mask that represents
4 reachability to the destination points in a forward direction.


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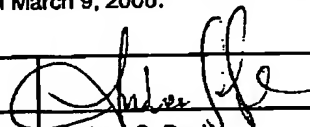
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